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I am a software developer and I am against the proposed settlement with Microsoft. I feel that any solution that does not open up Microsoft's file formats and middleware communication protocols is unacceptable. These closed and proprietary formats are a very large impediment to interoperating between Microsoft and non-Microsoft systems. Without opening these formats, Microsoft's monopoly on the desktop will continue to exclude competitors from having a viable chance of challenging Microsoft's products. Thank you for accepting my input.

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